

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

1 (currently amended). An orthopaedic injection restrictor apparatus, comprising:
a nozzle including an elongated portion; and
an orthopaedic plug including a first portion releasably engaged with the elongated portion of the nozzle and further including a plurality of flaps extending radially outwardly from ~~its~~ said first portion.

2 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the flaps is resiliently hinged to the first portion of the orthopaedic plug.

3 (currently amended). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated portion of the nozzle defines a sleeve and the first portion of the orthopaedic plug partially extends into the sleeve.

4 (original). The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first portion of the orthopaedic plug includes a boss positioned within the sleeve.

5 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of graduations on the elongated portion of the nozzle.

6 (original). The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the plurality of graduations extends linearly away from at least one of the flaps.

7 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated portion of the nozzle includes a flexible portion.

8 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first portion of the orthopaedic plug defines a sleeve and the elongated portion of the nozzle extends into the sleeve.

9 (original). The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:
a plurality of graduations on the elongated portion of the nozzle;
wherein the elongated portion of the nozzle defines a sleeve, the first portion of the orthopaedic plug extends into the sleeve, the plurality of graduations extends linearly away from at least one of the flaps, and the elongated portion of the nozzle includes a flexible portion.

10 (original). The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the first portion of the orthopaedic plug includes a boss positioned within the sleeve.

11 (original). The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:
a plurality of graduations on the elongated portion of the nozzle;
wherein the first portion of the orthopaedic plug defines a sleeve and the
elongated portion of the nozzle extends into the sleeve, the plurality of graduations extends
linearly away from at least one of the flaps, and the elongated portion of the nozzle includes a
flexible portion.

12 (currently amended). An apparatus for restricting injection of a substance to a
depth in a cavity within a bone, comprising:

~~a means~~means for injecting the substance into the cavity; and
~~a means~~means, releasably engaged with the injecting means, for plugging the
cavity.

13 (original). The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the injecting means and the
plugging means form a means for ejecting the plugging means from the injecting means
simultaneously with injecting the substance into the cavity.

14 (original). The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the injecting means includes a
means for setting the depth.

15 (original). A method for restricting injection of a substance into a cavity within a bone with a plug, the method comprising the steps of:

injecting the substance into the cavity; and

ejecting the plug into the cavity simultaneously with the injecting step.